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1. The Polish Army's OB leaves little doubt that in case of war the Soviets intend to use that army divided into two separate groups. There are four military districts in time of peace. They are Warsaw, Bydgoszcz, Wroclaw (Breslau), and Krakow. But in case of war, a fifth district is to be set up, under exclusive Soviet control, running east to west, and extending across the middle section of Poland along the main east-west railway and road transport lines which will be reserved for the Soviet Army.
2. The present location of the twelve infantry divisions, four mechanized divisions and two medium artillery brigades confirms this supposition. In the Krakow-Warsaw Districts there are only three infantry divisions in each;¹ Wroclaw and Bydgoszcz have three infantry divisions, two mechanized divisions and one medium artillery brigade.
3. The Bydgoszcz District covers the north coast. Its mechanized divisions are in Gdansk (Danzig) and Kolobrzeg (Kolberg) on the coast. It would be reinforced in war by the divisions of the Warsaw District.
4. The Wroclaw District covers the Sudeten frontier. Its mechanized divisions are in Zorg² and Jelenia Gora (Hirschberg), both in the southwestern corner of Poland. The troops of the Wroclaw and Krakow Districts will cooperate with the Czechoslovak Army; in both districts several Czechoslovak officers are serving with political units. Polish officers are serving in a similar capacity with the Czechoslovak Army.
5. There is a new approach to the wartime role of the military districts in Poland. It is explained by the conditions of atomic warfare, which makes decentralization of the armed forces on a territorial basis necessary, so as to avoid unnecessary long range transport. Since all available transport lines will be needed for the

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Soviet Army, the plan for the Polish Army is so conceived that it should need a minimum of transport. This is indicated by the peace time location of the units, and in case of war their concentration in the north and in the south will not involve much railway transport.

6. No broad gauge railway lines will be built by the Russians in Poland. All their army transports will be carried west of the Polish-Soviet border by normal gauge trains, or by motor transport. This means that the Soviet Army will use most of the Polish rolling stock, and a large proportion of the Polish railway capacity will be reserved for the Soviet Army in case of mobilization.

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Comments.

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1. According to other information [REDACTED] the Krakow and Warsaw Districts each have four infantry divisions.
2. Source probably is referring to Zary (Sorau).

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